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WORLD CUP IN 4-FRONT

After Pakistan fail to meet the qualification requirements during their match against England, the four teams for the semifinals have been decided. India have been in a scintillating form with all-win record in the group stage. They will face fourth-finisher New Zealand in Mumbai on November 15. Second-placed team SA are going into the match as favourites with Australia on November 16 | P15

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Six killed in accident on B'luru-Chennai NH

Vaniyambadi (TN): At least six persons were killed when a government bus and an omnibus collided head-on on the Chennai-Bengaluru national highway on Saturday. P5

UCC draft bill is work in progress, will need time

Law panel examining each of over 75 lakh responses, says a source in Union Ministry

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

THE Law Commission will need more time for wider consultations to formulate a comprehensive draft bill on a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), according to sources in the Law Ministry. It is going to be a time-consuming process as it involves complex personal laws, said a source.

The Law Commission of India, headed by Ritu Raj Awasthi, has already held several rounds of consultations with experts and stakeholders, including religious scholars and representatives from various religious and women's organisations, said the source, adding that the panel cannot give any time frame for the completion of its work. "It is a complex process and it cannot be done in a day or two. Every relevant personal law will be considered. It is not limited to any particular religion. We are planning to hold conferences, seminars, and public meetings in various states," said the source, pointing out that the panel received more than 75 lakh responses about UCC after its notification inviting suggestions. "We are sifting through every response and will give due consideration," he said.

When asked whether amendments should be made to family laws of various religions to make them gender-just, the official said, "We don't know what form it will take. We are examining all aspects of the issues."

A political row broke out after Prime Minister Narandra Modi on June 27 made a strong pitch for the implementation of UCC nationwide. Many questioned the Law Commission's decision to revisit the UCC.

Draft Uttarakhand UCC bill in print

There is a fresh buzz that the Uttarakhand government will table a draft of its UCC in a special Assembly session after Diwali. That draft was expected to be a model for the Central law. A member of the Uttarakhand panel said the report has gone to print. The draft bill will seek a complete ban on polygamy, a proposal for live-in couples to register their relationship, and to keep the marriageable age for women at 18 years

BANGLADESH TOURISTS BURNT TO DEATH AT DAL

Smoke billows from houseboats after a fire broke out in Dal Lake on Saturday | PTI

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THREE tourists from Bangladesh were charred to death in a major blaze in a houseboat on the Dal Lake in Srinagar. Eight have been rescued by authorities.

A massive fire engulfed a houseboat near Ghat No. 9 of Dal Lake in Srinagar on Saturday morning and quickly spread to other houseboats gutting five of them, according to Fire and Emergency service officials. Seven adjoining residential huts were also gutted in the fire. The bodies have been recovered from the debris of the houseboats. The deceased were identified as Anindaya Kowshal, Das Gupta and Mohammad Moinud.

Police said five house boats were damaged and properties worth crores was damaged in the fire incident.

Isro scientist donates award money to his alma maters

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

ISRO scientist and project director of Chandrayaan-3 P Veeramuthuvel, 46, has requested the Tamil Nadu government to donate the Rs 25-lakh cash award given to him to the four educational institutes where he studied. In October, the TN government felicitated nine "remarkable space scientists from Tamil Nadu", including Veeramuthuvel, and announced an award of Rs 25 lakh to each of them in recognition of their contribution to space research.

Speaking to TNSE, Veeramuthuvel said Chandrayaan-3 belonged to the country. "It is not my personal project or achievement. It is a team work. Hence, I felt that accepting a cash award for the Moon mission would be unethical. I've come from a humble background and I know the difficulties of an economically weak student. I felt the award money should be given for a good cause and help deserving students from humble backgrounds to study and achieve their aspirations," the space scientist said.

Veeramuthuvel said he thought of distributing the award money to the team members of Chandrayaan-3. "It is more about the team than one person. But it would have been a difficult task, so I requested the TN government to distribute it equally among the educational institutions where I studied." P5

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3 held for rape of 2 minor girls at Kadur health centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chikkamagaluru

THREE persons, including a woman, have been arrested in connection with the alleged rape of two minor girls from a government-run residential school inside a primary health centre (PHC) in Kadur taluk.

The incident came to light a few days ago after the principal of the school filed a police complaint. The accused have been identified as Suresh, a D-Group employee of the school, safety woman officer Chandana of the PHC, and her lover Vinay Kumar.

According to sources, Suresh allegedly enticed the girls studying in Class 9 and Class 10 to the PHC on the pretext of helping them write an entrance test for recruitment of paramedical staff. Suresh purportedly misled their parents as well.

Suresh brought the girls to the PHC where Chandana persuaded them to stay that night. Chandana offered some drink-laced with an intoxicating substance to the girls, rendering them semi-conscious. Vinay Kumar allegedly raped one of the girls, the sources said. P5

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